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SUBJECT: USA DIVISION CHIEF IS ALSO COLLEGIUM MEMBER

1. WE CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PRAVDA MAY 28 CARRIED TASS-WASHINGTON REPORT OF GROMYKO MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE IN WHICH V. G. KOMPLEKTOV, CHIEF OF USA DIVISION IN MFA, IS LISTED AS "MEMBER OF THE COLLEGIUM OF MFA." THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL PROMOTION FOR KOMPLEKTOV, WHO WAS ONLY RECENTLY APPOINTED TO THE DIVISION CHIEF SLOT AND GIVEN THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR. HIS RISE HAS BEEN AS RAPID AS THAT OF DOBRYNIN'S FORMER DEPUTY IN WASHINGTON, YULIY VORONTSOV, WHO WENT FROM MINISTER IN WASHINGTON TO THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR AND MEMBER OF THE COLLEGIUM IN A FEW SHORT MONTHS LAST YEAR.

2. QUERID ON JUNE 2 KOMPLEKTOV'S DEPUTY SOKOLOV STATED THAT KOMPLEKTOV'S ELEVATION TO THE COLLEGIUM CAME "AUTOMATICALLY" WITH HIS PROMOTION TO CHIEF OF THE USA DIVISION, A POST WHICH TRADITIONALLY CARRIES CONCURRENT COLLEGIUM MEMBERSHIP. SOKOLOV SAID THAT KOMPLEKTOV'S PROMOTION TO RANK OF AMBASSADOR ACTUALLY PREDATED HIS ASSIGNMENT AS CHIEF OF USA DIVISION BUT DID NOT DISPUTE THAT THIS WAS DONE IN ANTICIPATION OF
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HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT. ASKED WHETHER KOMPLEKTOV'S PROMOTION TO RANK OF AMBASSADOR WAS AN INTERNAL MFA PERSONNEL ACTION OR THE RESULT OF A DECREE BY SUPREME SOVIET, SOKOLOV REPLIED THAT ALL PROMOTIONS TO AMBASSADORIAL RANK ARE DONE BY SUPREME SOVIET DECREE.
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